Atty. Docket No.: 2380-1463 Art Unit No.: 2611

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-14 remain pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-14 are allowable. In this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 8 are amended to merely address the informal objections raised in the Office Action.

All issues raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

HNS/edg

901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor

Arlington, VA 22203-1808

Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100